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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS DRAFT FOR AN ATLANTIC DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF QUOTE NETHERLANDS DRAFT FOR AN
ATLANTIC DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES UNQUOTE PRESENTED TO
THE DEPARTMENT JUNE 25 BY BARON VAN LYNDEN, DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF DUTCH MFA:

QUOTE 1. THE WORLD IS MARKED BY GREAT AND DRASTIC
CHANGES - CHANGES IN THE FIELD OF TECHNOLOGY, AND
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CHANGES IN THE OUTLOOK OF MEN. THE END OF THIS
COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION IS NOT IN SIGHT,
AND IT WILL BE FAR FROM EASY TO STEER IT IN DIRECTIONS
BENEFICIAL TO MANKIND. ALL OVER THE WORLD, OLD PATTERNS

AND STRUCTURES ARE GIVING WAY, AND MUST BE RESTORED OR BUILT ANEW. IN-ENSIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WILL BE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS DIFFICULT TASK.

AS A RESULT OF BETTER AND MORE RAPID COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND EXCHANGES, THE PEOPLES OF THIS WORLD HAVE BECOME MORE DEPENDENT ON EACH OTHER, AND MORE CONSCIOUS OF THEIR UNITY. AT THE SAME TIME, MANKIND FINDS ITSELF FACED WITH A NUMBER OF VAST AND ARDUOUS PROBLEMS WHICH - IF NOT PROPERLY HANDLED - MIGHT LEAD TO THE DESINTEGRATION

OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY: TO INSECURITY, POVERTY AND, ALSO, TO GRAVE DISTURBANCES OF MAN'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

IN THE POLITICAL FIELD, THERE IS A PROMISING DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS STABILITY AND DETENTE, ESPECIALLY IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. BUT UNRESOLVED TENSIONS AND CONFLICTS REMAIN. ALTHOUGH IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ARMS CONTROL HAVE BEEN EFFECTED, MILITARY ARMAMENT, BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR, IS STILL STEADILY INCREASING AND HAS NOT YET BEEN SUFFICIENTLY RESTRAINED. IN SOME PARTS OF THE WORLD, AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF MATERIAL WELL-BEING HAS BEEN REACHED. BUT ELSEWHERE, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE STILL SUFFERING FROM POVERTY AND WANT. CRITICAL MALADJUSTMENTS EXIST IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MONETARY RELATIONS. SERIOUS PROBLEMS ARE ALSO CAUSED BY THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH; IF INJUDICIOUSLY PURSUED, IT COULD INFLECT IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, UY EXHALSTION OF RESOURCES, INCREASING POLLUTION AND GENERAL MISMANAGEMENT.

2. THE SIGNATORIES OF THIS DECLARATION, THOUGH CONSCIOUS OF THE VASTNESS OF THE EXISTING PROBLEMS, YET FEEL THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS CAN BE MADE ON THE WAY TOWARDS THEIR SOLUTION. THEY BELIEVE THAT SUFFICIENT CONFIDENTIAL

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POSSIBILITIES AND MEANS EXIST TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WORLD COMMUNITY BASED ON BETTER SECURITY PROVISIONS; ON PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL STATES AND PEOPLES; ON A FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF ALL EARTHLY GOODS; ON RESPECT FOR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS; AND ON MUTUAL COOPERATION TO ATTAIN THESE ENDS.

3. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS COMMON PURPOSE, CONSIDERING THAT:

- CLOSE COOPERATION IN THE ATLANTIC AND EUROPEAN

FRAMEWORK IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN ESTABLISHING
GREATER INTERNATIONAL STABILITY, DETENTE AND SECURITY,
ON WHICH ALL PROGRESS IN THE WORLD DEPENDS;

- ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR MATERIAL WEALTH AND THEIR
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES, THE PEOPLES OF THE
WEST ARE IN DUTY BOUND TO SUPPORT OTHER PEOPLES IN
ATTAINING A HIGHER LEVEL OF PROSPERITY AND WELL- BEING;

- THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE WEST INDUCES ITS
PEOPLES ACTIVELY TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A

LEGAL ORDER, BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL, AND IN
FOSTERING SOCIAL JUSTICE, DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT FOR THE
HUMAN INDIVIDUAL.

4. ON THE STRENGTH OF THIS CONVICTION THEY EXPRESS
THEIR READINESS AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO PUT THEIR
COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO THE SERVICE OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY
OF NATIONS, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS, AND FAITHFUL TO ITS AIMS AND PRINCIPLES.

5. WITH THIS END IN VIEW THE SIGNATORIES HAVE
EXAMINED ANEW THE FOUNDATIONS UPON WHICH THEIR COOPERA-
TION RESTS, BOTH IN AN ATLANTIC AND IN AN EUROPEAN
CONTEXT, AND UPON WHICH FURTHER DEVELOPMENT MUST PROCEED.
THEY HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED THE ESSENCE OF THE PROBLEMS
THAT NOW PRESENT THEMSELVES IN THEIR MUTUAL RELATION-
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SHIPS AND IN PARTICULAR IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND THE UNITED STATES.

6. THE SIGNATORIES FOUND THEMSELVES IN FULL AGREE-
MENT THAT A CLOSE AND CONSTANT COOPERATION WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS INDISPENSABLE TO
SATISFY THE BASIC SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF ITS MEMBERS;
TO GUARANTEE THEIR INDEPENDENCE; AND TO ENABLE THEM, ON
THIS BASIS, TO MAKE AN OPTIMAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE
ENCOURAGING IMPROVEMENT OF THE CLIMATE OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS, IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF A CONTINUING DETENTE IN
EAST- WEST RELATIONS AND OF A PEACEFUL AND JUST WORLD
ORDER. IN THIS CONTEXT, THEY EXPRESSED THEIR FIRM
INTENTION TO PURSUE THEIR LONG- STANDING OBJECTIVES OF
ACHIEVING A FUNDAMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN EUROPE
AND A FREER MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, INFORMATION AND IDEAS.
THEY STRESSED THAT THESE OBJECTIVES WILL REMAIN A CENTRAL
FACTOR IN THEIR FOREIGN POLICIES.

7. THE SIGNATORIES EXPRESSED THEIR DETERMINATION
FAITHFULLY TO OBSERVE THE PRINCIPLES OF REPRESENTATIVE

DEMOCRACY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES WHICH THEY ARE DETERMINED TO PROMOTE.

8. THE SIGNATORIES RECOGNIZED THAT THEY HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THOSE PARTS OF THE WORLD THAT HAVE LAGGED BEHIND IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THEY AGREED TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS IN THE FIELDS OF AID AND TRADE TO SUPPORT OTHER PEOPLES IN ATTAINING HIGHER LEVELS OF PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING AND TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS.

9. THE SIGNATORIES OF THE COUNTRIES, MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND PARTICIPATING IN THE MACHINERY OF POLITICAL COOPERATION, AND OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA REAFFIRMED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF A STABLE AND BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM. THEY WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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VINCE THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP, IN CONSONANCE WITH FRUITFUL RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, CONSTITUTES A MAJOR ELEMENT OF PROGRESS AND WELL-BEING. THEY CONFIRMED THAT THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RELATIONS, WHICH WILL BEAR NO SIGNS OF EXCLUSIVITY OR PRIVILEGE, WILL TAKE HIGH PRIORITY AMONG THE OBJECTIVES OF THEIR FOREIGN POLICIES. THEY FURTHER CONFIRMED THAT THE ONLY SOUND BASIS FOR SUCH A RELATIONSHIP IS:

- ONE OF EQUALITY AND INDEPENDENCE;
- ONE IN WHICH RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD IS SHARED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE;
- ONE IN WHICH ALL CONCERNED MAKE A CONSTANT AND DETERMINED EFFORT TO ADJUST POLICIES IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO CREATE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF FRICTION BETWEEN THEM.

WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA AGAIN EXPRESSED THEIR LASTING SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE EUROPEAN STATES HERE CONCERNED TO TRANSFORM, BY 1980, THE FULL EXTENT OF THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS INTO A EUROPEAN UNION.

10. THE COMBINED TASK OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WEST CAN ONLY BE FULFILLED SUCCESSFULLY ON CONDITION THAT THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS IN THE POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, AND MONETARY FIELD ARE PUT ON A SOUND AND TROUBLEFREE BASIS. TO THIS END THE PROBLEMS EXISTING IN THESE AREAS MUST BE DEALT WITH BY MUTUAL

ARRANGEMENTS, IN A SPIRIT REFLECTING THE FUNDAMENTAL
INSEPARABILITY OF THE DESTINIES OF THEIR NATIONS, WITH
UNDERSTANDING FOR EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS AND INTERESTS,
AND WITH THE WILL TO MAINTAIN A FAIR AND BALANCED
SHARING OF THE BURDENS. THE SIGNATORIES WILL ASSURE THAT
DISCUSSION OF THESE PROBLEMS WILL COMMENCE OR, WHERE
ALREADY IN PROGRESS, WILL PROCEED ALONG THE LINES HERE
INDICATED, IN A MANNER WHICH WILL DO JUSTICE TO THE
SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH OF THESE PROBLEM AREAS,
AND WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM WHICH WILL BE MOST
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SUITABLE FOR EACH SEPARATE CASE.

11. THE SIGNATORIES HAVE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN PERIOD-
ICALLY IN ORDER TO TAKE STOCK OF THE STATE OF THEIR
RELATIONSHIPS AND TO EVALUATE PROGRESS TOWARD THE
REALIZATION OF THE AIMS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 6, 7, 8,
9 AND 10.

12. THE SIGNATORIES BELIEVE THAT, BY THUS ORDERING
THEIR AFFAIRS, THEIR COUNTRIES WILL FIND THEMSELVES
BETTER PREPARED FOR THE GREAT TASKS WHICH LIE BEFORE
THEM. THEY ADDRESS A SPECIAL APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENTS
OF OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WITH A HIGH STANDARD
OF LIVING, SUCH AS JAPAN, WHO CARRY AN EQUAL RESPONSI-
BILITY IN THE WORLD, TO JOIN THEM IN THE ENDEAVOR TO
ACHIEVE BETTER ECONOMIC, MONETARY AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
FOR THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

FINALLY, AWARE OF THE FACT THAT SOME COUNTRIES ARE
ENDOWED WITH LARGER POSSIBILITIES THAN OTHERS BUT THAT,
IN ESSENCE, ALL ARE EQUAL, THE SIGNATORIES OF THIS
DECLARATION INVITE ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO WORK WITH
THEM, IN JOINT EFFORT, TOWARDS THE GOAL OF A WORLD OF
JUSTICE, FRIENDSHIP, PROSPERITY, AND PEACE. JUNE, 1973
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